FAQ

Can the Independent Living Program help me get my driver's license?

Yes, the IL program will assist in obtaining your drivers license before you exit the program.

How will the Independent Living Program help me after I exit foster care?

Transitional housing is available to young adults who have transitioned into independency. In addition, on-going services are available such as counseling and financial support, life skills instruction, educational support and employment and community linkages.

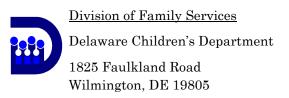
Will the Independent Living Program help me with financial aid for college or trade school?

Yes, the IL program offers Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV). The number of scholarships awarded is based on availability of funds. Other scholarships are available through community and civic organizations.

Our Purpose

Empowering youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities in order to ensure youth in care are adequately prepared for self-sufficiency with continuing after care services to promote future success.







FOR YOUTH AGING
OUT OF
FOSTER CARE

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What is the Independent Living Program?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) of Delaware is designed to assist and empower youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities. The program offers:

- Individual Plan for Independence— a plan for each youth that is soon to exit care developed by a team which includes YOU, a coordinator, case manager, care giver, and other key players
- "Real life" experiences designed to promote processes of maturation and skill development

Goals and Expectations

 Youth and young adults will be adequately prepared for self-sufficiency and the transition to adult independence

Expected skills youth will develop are:

- financially self-supporting including obtaining housing, food, and clothing
- social skills, participate in social activities
- ethical/moral values
- problem solving skills
- develop a supportive network of friends and family

ILP Services

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Youth Conferences and Workshops Tours (colleges, technical schools) Life Skills Training

- Social Skills
- Consumerism
- Employability
- Special Needs
- Student Issues

After Care

Supportive services are provided to young adults who have transitioned into independency with assistance from Service Providers including:

- Financial support
- Life Skills instruction
- Educational support
- Employment and community linkages
- Housing

Young Adults exiting transitional living placement will have knowledge, skills, and abilities to access the following resources:

- Transportation
- Employment
- School
- Housing
- Ongoing support services
- Counseling to maintain self-support and self-sufficiency

Eligibility

- Youth in the custody of the Division of Family Services (DFS) ages 16 and older
- youth who are no longer in foster care because they have reached age 18, but have not reached age 21

Service Providers

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

<u>West End Neighborhood House</u> 710 North Lincoln Street

Wilmington, DE 19805

658–4171 Progressive Life

262 Chapman Road Newark, DE 19702

738-7850

People's Place 240 N. James Street Newport, DE 19804 422-8033

KENT COUNTY

Elizabeth W. Murphy School, Inc. 42 Kings Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 734–7348

<u>Dunamis Dominion</u> 1328Rising Sun Road Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934 470–0468

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